

transparency about tactical nuclear weapons, data exchange, increased warhead security, and facilitation of weapons dismantlement. **Pages S3802-04**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the Treaty and certain amendments to be proposed thereto.

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Appointments:

Air Force Academy Board of Visitors: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), appointed Senator Hollings, from the Committee on Appropriations, and Senator Cleland, At Large, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy. **Pages S3797-98**

Military Academy Board of Visitors: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed Senator Reed, At Large, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy. **Pages S3797-98**

Naval Academy Board of Visitors: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), appointed Senator Mikulski, from the Committee on Appropriations, and Senator Sarbanes, At Large, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy. **Pages S3797-98**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Craig Lemmon, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia.

Rudolf Vilem Perina, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova.

Lynette Norton, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Jeffrey G. Stark, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of Chief of the Air Force Reserve, United States Air Force.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. **Pages S3804-08**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—109) **Pages S3740, S3769**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Thursday, April 30, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3800.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1260, to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law by setting national standards for stocks that are traded on the national markets, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1900, to establish a commission to examine issues pertaining to the disposition of Holocaust-era assets in the United States before, during, and after World War II, and to make recommendations to the President on further action; and

The nomination of Donna Tanoue, of Hawaii, to be a Member and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

IRS

Committee on Finance: Committee continued oversight hearings on the operation of the Internal Revenue Service, focusing on ethics and allegations of abuses and improper conduct by high-level agency officials, receiving testimony from William A. Moncrief, Jr., Moncrief Oil Company, Fort Worth, Texas; Richard Gardner, Gardner's Tax Service, Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma; Leroy W. Warren, Jr., National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Washington, D.C.; David Burnham and Susan B. Long, both of Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, on behalf of the Transitional Records Access Clearinghouse; and John Colaprete, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of William A. Fletcher, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Chester J. Straub, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, William P. Dimitrouleas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Stephen P. Mickel, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida,

after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Fletcher was introduced by Senator Feinstein, Mr. Straub was introduced by Senators Moynihan and D'Amato, and Representative Gilman, and Messrs. Dimitrouleas and Mickle were introduced by Senators Graham and Mack.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine how assistive technology should be developed into the 21st century to adequately meet the needs of persons with disabilities, focusing on proposed legislation to authorize funds for programs of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-407), after receiving testimony from Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Depart-

ment of Education; Sam Jadallah, Microsoft Corporation; Redmond, Washington; Corey L. Rowley, National Council on Independent Living, Logan, Utah; James Gashel, National Federation of the Blind, Baltimore, Maryland; Lynne Cleveland, Vermont Assistive Technology Project, Waterbury; Cris Fulford, Assessing Technology Through Awareness in Indiana (ATTAIN Project), and Craig Fulford, both of Indianapolis, Indiana; Marion Pawlek, University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability, Concord; and Carol Smith, Knoxville, Tennessee.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held a closed business meeting to consider intelligence matters.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3743-3760; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 265-267 and H. Res. 412, 415, were introduced. **Page H2605**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1739, to amend the Act designating the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness to clarify certain provisions of law regarding activities authorized within the wilderness area, amended (H. Rept. 105-500);

H. Res. 413, providing for consideration of S. 1502, entitled the "District of Columbia Student Opportunity Scholarship Act of 1997" (H. Rept. 105-501);

H. Res. 414, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 105-502); and

H.R. 860, authorize appropriations to the Department of Transportation for surface transportation research and development, amended (H. Rept. 105-503 Part 1). **Pages H2604-05**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Blunt to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2441**

Prohibition of Federal Funding for Needle Exchange Programs: The House passed H.R. 3717 to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds for the distribution of needles or syringes for the hypodermic

injection of illegal drugs by a recorded vote of 287 ayes to 140 noes, Roll No. 114. **Pages H2453-78**

Rejected the Pelosi motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Commerce with instructions to report it back to the House with an amendment that sought to allow the use of Federal funds for the distribution of needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of illegal drugs when a Governor, state health officer, or local municipal health authority determines that such a program would reduce the rate of transmission of HIV, not encourage use of illegal drugs, and is acceptable to the affected community by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 277 noes, Roll No. 113. **Pages H2475-77**

The House agreed to H. Res. 409, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. **Pages H2445-53**

National Dialogue on Social Security Act: The House passed H.R. 3546 to provide for a national dialogue on Social Security and to establish the Bipartisan Panel to Design Long-Range Social Security Reform by a yeas and nays vote of 413 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 116. **Pages H2487-H2510**

Rejected the Pomeroy motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment that adds a new section that specifies that the unified budget surplus should be reserved until Congress has taken action to save social security and the Bipartisan Panel to Design Long-Range